

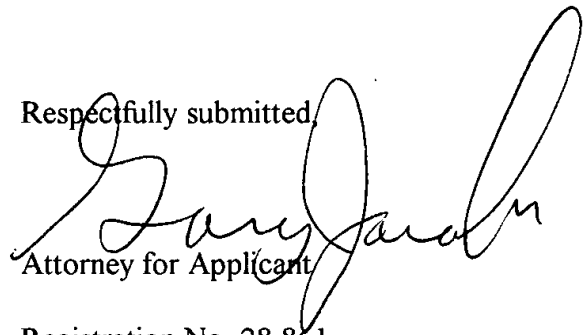
Remarks

Claims 1-48 are pending. Claim 22 has been amended to correct minor informalities therein. Claims 1, 15, and 32 are independent.

Consideration and an early allowance are respectfully solicited.

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22. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1 or 15, wherein [8. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein] said center shaft is rotatable integrally with said first and second coupling portions.

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